

Express Mail Label: EV 541426321 US

Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Mail Stop IDS, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Aoki et al.

Docket No.: AOL0080

Serial No.10/620,683

Art Unit: 2142

Filed: 7/15/2003

Examiner: Unknown

Title: Instant Messaging and Enhanced Scheduler

August 30, 2004

## TRANSMITTAL FORM

Commissioner of Patents Mail Stop IDS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following documents are being transmitted:

- IDS Transmittal (1 sheet);
- Information Disclosure Statement, 1449 form, and cited references; and
- Return Postcard

Applicant believes that there is no fee due with this submission. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 07-1445 (Order No. AOL0080). A copy of this sheet is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Glenn Reg. No. 30,176

Customer No. 22862



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Aoki et al. Docket No.: AOL0080

**Serial No.**: 10/620,683 **Art Unit**: 2142

Filed: July 15, 2003 Examiner: Unknown

Title: Instant Messaging and Enhanced Scheduling

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 August 30, 2004

### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

- under 37 CFR 1.97(b), or
   (within three months of filing national application; or date of entry of international application; or before mailing date of first office action on the merits; whichever occurs last)
- (X) under 37 CFR 1.97(c) together with either a:
  - ( ) Certification under 37 CFR 1.97(e), or
  - ( X) a \$220.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p), or (After the CFR 1.97(b) time period, but before final action or notice of allowance, whichever occurs first)
- ( ) under 37 CFR 1.97(d) together with a:
  - ( ) Certification under 37 CFR 1.97(e), and
  - ( ) a \$220.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.17(d)(2)(ii), and
  - ( ) a \$130.00 petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i)(1)
    (Filed after final action or notice of allowance, whichever occurs first, but before payment of the issue fee)
- (X) The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1445 (Order No. AOL0080). A copy of this sheet is enclosed for accounting purposes.
- (X) Applicant(s) submit herewith Form PTO 1449 -- Information Disclosure Citation together with copies of patents, publications or other information of which applicant(s) are aware, which applicant(s) believe(s) may be material to the examination of this application and for which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.25.

( ) A concise explanation of the relevance of foreign language patents, foreign language publications and other foreign language information listed on PTO Form 1449, as presently understood by the individual(s) designated in 37 CFR 156(c) most knowledgeable about the content is given on the attached sheet, or where a foreign language patent is cited in a search report or other action by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, an English language version of the search report or action which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office is listed on form PTO 1449 and is enclosed herewith.

It is requested that the information disclosed herein be made of record in this application.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Glenn Attorney For Applicant Reg. No. 30,176

Customer No. 22862

2

PTO/SB/08A (02-03) Approved for use through 04/30/2003. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

finder the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

Sheet

# INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Complete if Known			
Application Number	10/620,683		
Filing Date	07/15/03		
First Named Inventor	Aoki et al.		
Art Unit	2142		
Examiner Name	Unknown		
Attorney Docket Number	AOL0080		

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Document Number  Number-Kind Code <sup>2 (f known)</sup>	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				

	FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages	
		Country Code <sup>3 -</sup> Number <sup>4 -</sup> Kind Code <sup>9</sup> (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY		Or Relevant Figures Appear	T⁵
	·					

Examiner Signature	Date Considered	

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at <a href="https://www.uspto.gov">www.uspto.gov</a> or MPEP 901.04. Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

PTO/SB/08B (02-03)

Approved for use through 04/30/2003. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE er the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number. Complete if Known **Application Number** 10/620,623 **Filing Date** INFORMATION DISCLOSURE 07/15/03 STATEMENT BY APPLICANT **First Named Inventor** Aoki et al Art Unit 2142 (Use as many sheets as necessary) **Examiner Name** Unknown Attorney Docket Number Sheet 2 AOL0080

		OTHER PRIOR ART-NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS	•
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T²
	A	DELLA FERA ET AL., "Zephyr - Zephyr Notification Service", November 18, 2002, 2 pages http://www.final.gov/docs/products/zephyr.html	
	В	"Zephyr on Athena (AC-34) Draft Table of Contents". November 18, 2002, 25 pgs, http://web.mit.edu.olh/Zephyr	
	С	"Have Microsoft Exchange Server Send Custom Reply Messages with Outlook 2002, March 11, 2003, 1 page, http://office.microsoft.com/assistance/2002/articles/Olrwautoreply2.aspx.	
	D	SAUNDERS, C. "Sprint to Debut IM Bots", http://www.instantmessagingplanet.com/wireless/print.php/1547321; 1/23/2003	
	E	HONAN, M.,"Is your new AIM pal an artificial intelligence program?", August 2000, http://www.cnn/com/2000/TECH/computing/08/29/aoliza.idg/; 1/23/2003	
	F	" MacResponder Automatic E-mail Responder for When You're Unavailable", June 2003, 6 pgs, http://www.brunibloneau.com/macresponder/	
	G	"Configuring Auto Replies", June 2003, 2 pgs, http://support.gfi.com/manuals/en/mes8/configuringautoreplies2.htm	
	н	"Freeware, Shareware and Demo Software Downloads"; 1/23/2003http://www/filestransit.com/view.php?id=3717;	
	I	MITEV, K. "Unix: Using Zephyr on GLUE and WAM", August 2004: http://stanford.edu/kmitev/zephyr.html	

Examiner	Date	
Signature	Considered	

<sup>\*</sup>EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 120 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Petent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.